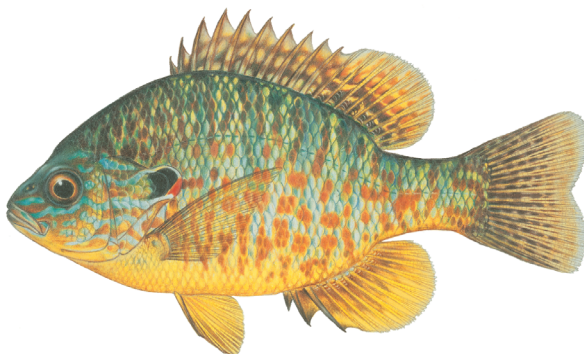


## Pumpkinseed

*Lepomis gibbosus*



**Similar Species:** Orangespotted sunfish

**Identification:** Gill lobe has orange or red spot at tip, cheeks with wavy bluish streaks. (Orangespotted sunfish **lacks** red spot on gill lobe and has a **wide** white edge around gill lobe.)

The pumpkinseed is found from Washington east to Maine and south to Alabama and Nebraska. It has been stocked in various places in South Dakota but is uncommon. Pumpkinseeds are typically found in shallow lakes, sheltered bays of larger lakes, and quiet areas of slow-moving streams. Adult and larval insects make up most of the pumpkinseed diet, although snails and fish fry are also eaten. Pumpkinseeds seldom exceed 1 pound.

